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MARD Renews HS Codes for Goods subject to Import Inspection

Report Categories:

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Fishery Products

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Grain and Feed

Fresh Fruit

Potatoes and Potato Products

Planting Seeds

Dairy and Products

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Report Highlights:

This report provides an unofficial translation of Circular 15/2018, dated October 29, 2018, of Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) on the promulgation of Harmonized System (HS) codes for import and export goods subject to its management. Specifically, this Circular provides HS codes for all import and export goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection procedure prior to customs clearance, including terrestrial animals and products thereof; aquatic animals and products

thereof; plant and plant products, animal feed and feed ingredients, etc. This Circular came into force from January 1, 2019 and replaced MARD's Circular 24/2017 on the promulgation of Harmonized System (HS) codes for import and export goods subject to its management.

Summary:

On October 29, 2018, MARD issued Circular 15/2018 on the promulgation of HS codes for specialized import and export goods subject to its management. MARD did not notify this Circular to the World Trade Organization's Sanitary/Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) committee and put the new HS codes into effect on January 1, 2019.

This Circular replaced Circular 24/2017 on the promulgation of Harmonized System (HS) codes for import and export goods subject to MARD's management and provides lists of eight-digit HS codes based on Vietnam Customs Harmonized Tariff Schedule for all import and export goods subject to MARD's specialized inspection prior to customs clearance, including terrestrial animals and products thereof; aquatic animals and products thereof; plant products; pesticides, fertilizers, veterinary drugs, animal feed, logs and lumbers, products used in aquaculture, etc.

Specific HS codes for import goods subject to quarantine, food safety and quality inspection are provided in the following sections:

Appendix I. HS codes for the List of goods under MARD's management

Terrestrial animals and products thereof

- Section 1 - HS codes for the List of terrestrial animals and products of terrestrial animals subject to quarantine.
- Section 2 - HS codes for the List of livestock breeds permitted for production and trading in Vietnam.

Aquatic animals and products thereof

- Section 6 - HS codes for the List of aquatic animals and products of aquatic animals subject to quarantine.
- Section 9 - HS codes for the List of live aquatic species permitted to be imported for food.

Plant and plant products

- Section 11 - HS codes for the List of particles subject to plant quarantine of Vietnam.
- Section 12 - HS codes for the List of foods of import plant origin subject to inspection for food safety under MARD's management.

Animal feed and feed ingredients

- Section 17 - HS codes for the List of imported animal feed products permitted for circulation in Vietnam.
- Section 18 - HS codes for the List of chemicals and antibiotics prohibited from import, production, trading and use in cattle and poultry feed in Vietnam.
- Section 19 - HS codes for the List of feed and raw materials for production of aquatic feed.

Appendix II. HS codes for the List of imported goods subject to specialized inspection prior to customs clearance

Appendix II of this Circular provides a full list of HS codes for 1,768 lines of import goods and export goods and the relevant inspection methods applicable for each kind of goods. The list includes all products subject to quarantine, food safety, and quality inspection as mentioned in Appendix I. This Appendix also specifies the inspection agencies relevant for each line of import goods. Accordingly, the Department of Animal Health (DAH) continues to be in charge of quarantine and food safety/quality inspection for animals and animal products, including animal feed and feed ingredients of animal origin. The Department of Plant Protection (PPD) continues to be in charge of quarantine and food safety/quality inspection for plant and plants products, including animal feed and feed ingredients of plant origin. For a translation of Appendix II, please contact FAS Hanoi: aghamoi@fas.usda.gov.

The full text of Circular 15/2018 is available (in Vietnamese) at:
<http://vbpl.vn/bonongnghiep/Pages/vbpq-van-ban-goc.aspx?ItemID=132335&dvid=319>

Below is an unofficial translation of Circular 15/2018/TT-BNNPTNT.

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
Independence - Freedom - Happiness**

No. 15/2018/TT-BNNPTNT

Hanoi, October 29, 2018

**CIRCULAR
on promulgating Harmonized System (HS) codes for the List of goods
under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development**

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 15/2017/ND-CP dated February 17, 2017 defining the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 69/2018/ND-CP dated May 15, 2018 detailing a number of articles of the Law on Foreign Trade Management;

At the proposal of the Director of the Legal Department; the General Directors of the General Departments of Fisheries, Forestry; the Directors of the Departments of Plant Protection, Animal Health, Livestock Production, Crop Production, Cooperative Economy and Rural Development;

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgates the Circular promulgating harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of goods under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,

Article 1.- To promulgate together with this Circular [the following]:

1. Appendix I. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of goods under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, specifically:

Section 1. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of terrestrial animals and products of terrestrial animals subject to quarantine.

Section 2. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of livestock breeds permitted for production and trading in Vietnam.

Section 3. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of precious and rare livestock breeds prohibited from export.

Section 4. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of environmental dilution, conservation of sperm of domestic animals.

Section 5. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of gene sources of precious and rare domestic animals to be conserved.

Section 6. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of aquatic animals and products of aquatic animals subject to quarantine.

Section 7. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of commonly imported aquatic breeds.

Section 8. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of aquatic species subject to conditional export.

Section 9. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of live aquatic species permitted to be imported for food.

Section 10. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of aquatic species prohibited from export.

Section 11. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of particles subject to plant quarantine of Vietnam.

Section 12. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of foods of plant-origin imports subject to inspection for food safety under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Section 13. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of plant varieties permitted for production and trading in Vietnam.

Section 14. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of precious and rare plant genetic resources for international exchange in special cases.

Section 15. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of rare and precious plant genetic resources which are restricted from international exchange.

Section 16. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of salts (including edible salt and denatured salts).

Section 17. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of imported animal feed products permitted for circulation in Vietnam.

Section 18. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of chemicals and antibiotics prohibited from import, production, trading and use in cattle and poultry feed in Vietnam.

Section 19. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of feed and raw materials for production of aquatic feed.

Section 20. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of products for treatment of aquaculture environment.

Section 21. Harmonized system (HS) codes for List of veterinary drugs and veterinary drug materials permitted for import to be circulated in Vietnam.

Section 22. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of fertilizers.

Section 23. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of goods prohibited from export, which are logs and lumber of all kinds from natural forest in the country.

Section 24. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of wood and products made from wood that must be supported by legal forest product dossiers when being exported.

Section 25. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of pesticides.

Section 26. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of pesticides prohibited from use in Vietnam.

Section 27. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List in the fishing industry.

2. Appendix II. Harmonized system (HS) codes for the List of imported goods subject to specialized inspection prior to customs clearance under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development: 1768 commodity lines.

Article 2. Implementation effectiveness

1. This Circular takes effect from January 1, 2019.
2. This Circular replaces the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development's Circular No. 24/2017/TT-BNNPTNT dated November 15, 2017 promulgating the harmonized system (HS) codes for specialized export and import goods under the management of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Article 3. Responsibility for implementation

The Chief of the Office, the Director of the Legal Department, the heads of the units under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the relevant agencies, organizations and individuals shall have to implement this Circular.

Any problems arising in the course of implementation of this Circular should be promptly reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for guidance and supplements.

Recipients:

- Government office;
- Ministry leaders;
- Ministries, ministerial-level agencies (electronic files);
- General Department of Customs;
- Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development of provinces and centrally-run cities (electronic files);
- Government Gazette, Government Information Portal, Information Portal of MARD
- Ministry of Justice (Department of Legal Document Inspection);
- Kept as archives: Office, Legal (copy).

**ON BEHALF OF THE
MINISTER
DEPUTY MINISTER
(Signed)**

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